

What Is Claimed Is:

1 1. A method for entering system administration data using a portable
2 computing device, wherein the portable computing device may not be able to
3 access an associated system to be administered during data entry, comprising:
4 providing access to a data entry program to a system administrator using
5 the portable computing device;
6 accepting an element of system administration data into the data entry
7 program from the system administrator, wherein the element of system
8 administration data can be used by the associated system to generate system
9 administration commands;
10 establishing communication between the portable computing device and
11 the associated system at a later time; and
12 transferring the element of system administration data from the data entry
13 program to the associated system so that an associated system administration
14 function can be performed on the associated system.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the element of system
2 administration data includes data to generate event management commands.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the element of system
2 administration data includes data to generate account management commands.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the element of system
2 administration data includes data to generate package management commands.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein establishing communication
2 between the portable computing device and the associated system includes:
3 establishing communication between the portable computing device and a
4 local system;
5 transferring the element of system administration data from the portable
6 computing device to the local system;
7 translating the element of system administration data from a format used
8 by the portable computing device to a second format used by the associated
9 system;
10 establishing communications between the local system and the associated
11 system through a network; and
12 transferring the element of system administration data from the local
13 system to the associated system.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising transferring existing
2 system administration data from the associated system to the portable computing
3 device to allow the system administrator to modify existing system administration
4 data.

1 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising allowing the system
2 administrator to delete existing system administration data.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 receiving a password from the system administrator; and
3 verifying the password prior to accepting the element of system
4 administration data.

1 9. A computer-readable storage medium storing instructions that
2 when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a method for
3 entering system administration data using a portable computing device, wherein
4 the portable computing device may not be able to access an associated system to
5 be administered during data entry, comprising:

6 providing access to a data entry program to a system administrator using
7 the portable computing device;

8 accepting an element of system administration data into the data entry
9 program from the system administrator, wherein the element of system
10 administration data can be used by the associated system to generate system
11 administration commands;

12 establishing communication between the portable computing device and
13 the associated system at a later time; and

14 transferring the element of system administration data from the data entry
15 program to the associated system so that an associated system administration
16 function can be performed on the associated system.

1 10. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the
2 element of system administration data includes data to generate event
3 management commands.

1 11. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the
2 element of system administration data includes data to generate account
3 management commands.

1 12. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the
2 element of system administration data includes data to generate package
3 management commands.

1 13. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein
2 establishing communication between the portable computing device and the
3 associated system includes:
4 establishing communication between the portable computing device and a
5 local system;
6 transferring the element of system administration data from the portable
7 computing device to the local system;
8 translating the element of system administration data from a format used
9 by the portable computing device to a second format used by the associated
10 system;
11 establishing communications between the local system and the associated
12 system through a network; and
13 transferring the element of system administration data from the local
14 system to the associated system.

1 14. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, the method
2 further comprising transferring existing system administration data from the
3 associated system to the portable computing device to allow the system
4 administrator to modify existing system administration data.

1 15. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, the method
2 further comprising allowing the system administrator to delete existing system
3 administration data.

1 16. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, the method
2 further comprising:
3 receiving a password from the system administrator; and
4 verifying the password prior to accepting the element of system
5 administration data.

1 17. An apparatus that facilitates entering system administration data
2 using a portable computing device, wherein the portable computing device may
3 not be able to access an associated system to be administered during data entry,
4 comprising:
5 an accepting mechanism within the portable computing device that is
6 configured to accept an element of system administration data into the data entry
7 program from the system administrator, wherein the element of system
8 administration data can be used by the associated system to generate system
9 administration commands;
10 a communications mechanism that is configured to establish
11 communications between the portable computing device and the associated
12 system at a later time; and
13 a transferring mechanism that is configured to transfer the element of
14 system administration data from the data entry program to the associated system
15 so that an associated system administration function can be performed on the
16 associated system.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the element of system
2 administration data includes data to generate event management commands.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the element of system
2 administration data includes data to generate account management commands.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the element of system
2 administration data includes data to generate package management commands.

1 21. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the communication mechanism
2 includes:

3 a first communication establishing mechanism that is configured to
4 establish communications between the portable computing device and a local
5 system;

6 a first transferring mechanism that is configured to transfer the element of
7 system administration data from the portable computing device to the local
8 system;

9 a translating mechanism that is configured to translate the element of
10 system administration data from a format used by the portable computing device
11 to a second format used by the associated system;

12 a second communication establishing mechanism that is configured to
13 establish communications between the local system and the associated system
14 through a network; and

15 a second transferring mechanism that is configured to transfer the element
16 of system administration data from the local system to the associated system.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a third transferring
2 mechanism that is configured to transfer existing system administration data from
3 the associated system to the portable computing device to allow the system
4 administrator to modify existing system administration data.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 22, further comprising a deleting
2 mechanism that is configured to allow the system administrator to delete existing
3 system administration data.

1 24. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising:
2 a receiving mechanism that is configured to receive a password from the
3 system administrator; and
4 a verifying mechanism that is configured to verify the password prior to
5 accepting the element of system administration data.